



# FOOT, TACK & CLEW

## East Coast Sailing Association

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### THE OFFICIAL LOG OF THE EAST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION

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## Next General Membership Meeting Wednesday, May 15, 2019 @ 7pm

### **“Lightning Safety”**

**Presented by Bill Roeder,  
45th Weather Squadron, Cape Canaveral AFS**

**Satellite Beach Civic Center, 565 Cassia Blvd  
Latitude 28° 10.30' N, Longitude 80° 36.28' W**

#### **May Calendar of Local Sailing Events**

3	MYC	Rum Race—Spring Series
4-5	MYC	Big Boat Spring Regatta
11	MYC	Beer Can Race
12	MYC	Mother's Day Regatta
17	MYC	Rum Race—Spring Series
18	MYC	Full Moon Race
25-27	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Memorial Day Cruise</b>
26	MYC	Small Boat Sunday
31	MYC	Rum Race—Spring Series

#### **June Calendar of Local Sailing Events**

8	MYC	Beer Can Race
9	MYC	Small Boat Sunday
14	MYC	Rum Race—Spring Series
16	MYC	Full Moon Race
22-23	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>Summer Sailstice Cruise</b>
23	MYC	Small Boat Sunday
28	MYC	Rum Race—Summer Series

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## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR COMMODORE

*Pat Fletcher*



## VIEW FROM THE Rear COMMODORE

*Page Proffitt*



*Happy May Everyone!!*

“Tax Day” is behind us, long days and warmer weather are on our side ---  
**Let’s get sailing!!**

I know during the cooler months our boats get a bit neglected, but now it’s time to get off our butts and get everything in ship shape!! Ask yourself, when was the last time you checked the water level in your batteries? Cleaned and tightened the battery terminals? Checked and adjusted the belts on your engine? Changed engine oil and coolant? Cleaned the raw water strainer? Ensured that all the seacocks open and close properly? What about a close look at the swages on the standing rigging? Are there any cracks or broken wires? Are all the cotter pins/rings still in place? What about the condition of the running rigging, sails and all the other many details around the boat. I know some of us are not as diligent as others about keeping our boats in tip top shape. I get it, life gets in the way, but now’s the time. Let’s get everything checked off the list and enjoy the summer doing what we love --- sailing!!!

We have so many good cruises planned for this year, let’s not use the excuse “My boat just isn’t ready”!! By the time this Foot, Tack & Clew comes out, we will have completed our list and hopefully made it to Brunswick and back with great friends, and we should have many good stories to tell!!!

So, have a great season everyone. Don’t forget, ECSA is a great group of people, if you need any help crossing anything off your list, just send out an email blast or pick up the phone.

See you on the water!!

*Your Commodore,*

*Pat*

## *Waterway Guide*

Last time, I talked about Google Earth for cruising. Waterway Guide is “another must have” for Intracoastal cruisers. We all know of the Waterway Guides, those thick heavy books we keep on board that give us tips and information on towns, marinas and the waterway as we cruise. Waterway Guide’s website has so much more to offer in planning a cruise at <https://www.waterwayguide.com> .



On April 11, Waterway Guide did a live Webinar on the AICW (Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway) talking about cruising, places to stop, anchoring and what to watch for. The three panelists gave their best information for cruisers traveling this area. If you missed it, you can listen to the entire hour at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=14&v=aTbGVsrwJPg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=14&v=aTbGVsrwJPg).

I use the charts and map portion to plan my anchorages. When I cruise, we are usually on the hook 2 days and the third day we go into a marina. With the charts on Waterway Guide, I flip on the “Anchorages & Free Dock” tab and all the recommended spots come up for review. It is so helpful to know what others have to say about a stop before you commit to going in.

And don’t forget to sign-up for Waterway Guide’s email list. They will send out weekly navigation alerts, as well as, News and Events and Fuel prices along the Intra-coastal Waterway.

*Rear Commodore,  
Cruising Director*

*Page Proffitt*

# Come Sail With Us!





## Secretary's Report

**East Coast Sailing Association  
General Membership Meeting**  
April 10, 2019

**Call to order:** 7:03p.m. by Pat Fletcher, Commodore.

### **Introduction of the Board:**

Commodore Pat Fletcher  
Vice Commodore Clyde Berry  
Rear Commodore Page Proffitt  
Secretary Joe Cloidt  
Treasurer Grover Gregory  
Governors at Large John Geraci (2019),  
Steven Lambert (2020),  
Diane Cox (2021) NP  
Past Commodore Joe Coleman

### **Commodores Opening Remarks:**

Pat started the meeting by welcoming tonight's members, it was a small crowd. Pat also recognized all present BOG members along with committee chairpersons. She then read out the names of our most recent new members, Joe and Theresa Janson from Seaworthy Publishing, Dan Nicholson and Ann Hill.

It's a busy time of year for the club with many getting ready to go on their spring cruises. A small group of club members are leaving around April 23<sup>rd</sup> for a 2-week cruise to Brunswick, Ga.

Pat and Joe Coleman visited the T-shirt print shop to look at new club shirts and will bring some samples in next month for review by members.

Clyde mentioned he has reserved Rotary Park for our fall cruise.

Page told us about an upcoming webinar at the Waterway Guide website: (<https://www.waterwayguide.com/>) on cruising the ICW on April 11 at 7:00pm. The website is a good resource to subscribe to as it has many resources for those cruising the ICW. The next Night Sounds concert at Sebastian Inlet Park is coming up on April 20<sup>th</sup>. MYC will bring their dinghy for ferry service for those who don't have a dink. They are setting up a canopy and table also.

Karen Coleman talked briefly about the CAPTF event at Squid Lips. We had about 20+ folks show up, some sat inside as the band got a bit loud at times but others enjoyed sitting out on the beach.

John and Lynda Geraci are hosting the Memorial Day cruise to Port Canaveral May 25-27. Sign-up sheets on the table. Lynda needs a list of those attending dinner at Gators Dockside so please RSVP if you are planning on going for dinner. Sunday is drinks by the pool and BBQ with some planning a day sail in the ocean. Monday will have some leaving to come home but the Geraci's are planning to stay one more day and come home on Tuesday to avoid the holiday traffic on the water. The club will be staying at the Ocean Club Marina, make sure you make early reservations as it's a busy weekend and let them know you are with ESCA.

Summer Saitice is coming up at Grills, June 22/23, John Boyd is the host. John is arranging the blessing of the fleet.

The July 4<sup>th</sup> cruise is also coming up at the Cocoa Village Marina. We will be meeting on the 2nd floor at the marina club house. The Geraci's are headed to New Smyrna Beach the next day to stay at the city marina through the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Page talked about upcoming events at MYC. Lunch on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> with roasted chicken on the menu. All invited but please make reservations. Small boat racing is coming up at the end of April with big boat racing the first weekend of May along with a Cinco de Mayo style Mexican dinner. MYC is also hosting a First Aid and CPR class on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. (Visit <http://www.melbourneyachtclub.com/> for more details). MYC racers have been doing well in area racing. Dick Tillman, local Sunfish champ, raced in the Sunfish Midwinter Regatta but didn't finish in the top but it was a big fleet.

**Approve Minutes:** Approved unanimously

**Approve Treasurer Report:** Approved unanimously

### **Introduction of Guests:**

No guests tonight.

### **Any Old Business:**

John Boyd asked if we had anyone to attend the Satellite Beach Earth Day event. Joe Cloidt volunteered to staff the booth.

### **Any New Business:**

We have a rocket launch at 8:32pm tonight and planned to take a break to watch it but the launch was cancelled for the evening.

### **50/50 Drawing:**

Ross Hebert hosted the drawing for \$47, the lucky winner was Bob Wiley who donated his winnings back to the club.

### **Introduction of Guest Speaker:**

Frank Monchello from Marine Pro in Cocoa talked about

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

*Grover Gregory*

Actual for Seven Months Ended March 31			
Budget for Fiscal Year	Budget	Detail	Net
Activities			
Membership Dues	3,500	2,060	
less: Card Fees	(102)	(47)	2,013
Banquet Revenue	2,400	2,010	
less: Banquet Expense	(2,290)	(3,001)	
less: Credit Card fees	(70)	(51)	(1,042)
50/50	400	224	
GAM net proceeds	-	262	
less: Awards & Raffle Prizes	(480)	(467)	19
Bus Trip Revenue		-	
less: Bus Trip Costs	-	-	-
Merchandise Sales	1,200	442	
less: Paypal Fees	(35)	(18)	
less: Stripe Credit Card Fees		(3)	
less: Sales Tax	(84)	(52)	
less: Merchandise Costs	(960)	-	368
Advertising	350	150	
less: Print & Mail Costs	(1,600)	(822)	(672)
TidyHQ Transaction Fees	(66)		(68)
Cruise Facility Rental & Supplies	(300)		(295)
Net Revenue (Expense) from Activities			323
Fixed Expenses			
Insurance	(670)		-
Meeting Rental	(600)		(300)
PO Box	(92)		-
Website Fees	(450)		(437)
Other Taxes	(65)		(128)
Change in Cash	(13)		(541)
Sept. 1, 2018 Opening Bank Balance			7,371
March 31, 2019 Ending Bank Balance			6,829

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

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various boat systems including cooling, fuel and electrical with some good practical advice on maintaining them.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joe Cloldt, Secretary*

## Welcome New Members

Joe and Theresa Janson  
*Dan Nicholson*  
*Ann Hill*

## *Hospitality*

**Thank you to  
Mick and Jennifer Hack  
for refreshments for the May  
general membership meeting.**



# Cruising News



## Memorial Day Cruise

May 25-27

John and Lynda Geraci

Plan ahead now for the ever-popular Memorial Day Weekend Cruise to Ocean Club Marina at Port Canaveral!! Make your reservations at the marina now, as there are a limited number of slips available. Be sure to mention that you're with the ECSA Sailing Club. Ocean Club Marina is at 930 Mullet Road, Port Canaveral. Phone 321-783-9001.

Saturday night, May 25<sup>th</sup>, we're planning on meeting at Gator's Dockside (the old Milliken's Reef), 683 Nesbit Drive, Port Canaveral. Cocktails at 5pm. Be sure to RSVP Lynda Geraci ([slgeraci@att.net](mailto:slgeraci@att.net)) or sign up at the general meeting in April or May so that we can guarantee a seat for dinner.

Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, your choice of "sail in the ocean" or "play in the pool"! Cocktails at the Tiki Bar begins at 5pm (BYOB). Come watch our own ECSA In-house bartender as he dazzles your taste buds with his mixology magic or make your own beverage. There is a gas grill nearby for dinner at 6. Bring your entrée and a dish to share (don't forget about the serving utensils).

See you there!

## Summer Sailstice Cruise

June 22-23

John Boyd

The ECSA invites all sailors in the Space Coast area to join us at Grill's Riverside for the annual Summer Sailstice. This event is designed to help sailors the world over to join together in celebration of sailing, on the northern hemisphere's longest day of the year - The Summer Solstice.

All sailors and Clubs are welcome to join us at Grills Riverside Restaurant any time after 12:00pm on Saturday, June 22. We will have the Blessing of the Fleet at 2:30 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m.

A Summer Sailstice event creates a fun, sailing opportunity for Sailing Clubs, Fleets, Associations, and Schools to celebrate the best of sailing with their members, and to introduce their programs to new and potential members. ECSA wants to reach out by celebrating the fun and value of sailing with everyone, from old sailors to beginners.

Check out the National Summer Sailstice website at: <http://www.summersailstice.com>. If you wish, you may sign up on this site to participate in our Summer Sailstice event. If you do so, you will be eligible to win a prize; see the web site for more information. Zoom in on Melbourne to see our event. The web site for Grills Riverside is <http://www.grillsseafood.com/grills-riverside-melbourne/>



## "SPEAKING WORDS OF WISDOM"

Use it or lose it – run all your systems every week



Some sailors will disagree with me on this but based on the courses I took I'm a firm believer that on a boat if you don't use it you lose it. Things like pumps, refrigeration units, air conditioners, engines and so forth all need to run on a weekly, if not monthly, basis.

Just take an impeller, for example. These little rubber wheels found within pumps are stuck in one position once the pump is turned off. If they're not moved around they can become weak and brittle.

If you ask any boat professional, they always say that the majority of issues come from commissioning a boat after wintering. If you're not wintering your boat, exercise everything at least every month. This also applies to seacocks too. If you don't move them around, barnacles grow, seawater sets in and they won't move.

When a pipe busts and you can't close a seacock it's not a pretty sight!

## July 4th Cocoa Village Cruise

July 4-5  
Bob Wiley



Even though it's going to be on Thursday this year, we will hold our 4<sup>th</sup> of July cruise/party on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

We have the Cocoa Village Marina Clubhouse reserved to set out our dinner and enjoy some fellowship before the fireworks over the river.

I will be there on the 3<sup>rd</sup> to make sure I'm not late getting things set-up. If you are planning to come by boat and get a slip at the marina, please remember to make your own reservations by calling the harbormaster at 321-632-5445. Identify that you are with the ECSA. There will also be signup sheets at the May and June ECSA General meetings to collect names of all who are coming (via car or boat) so that we will have sufficient supplies.

The BBQ coals should be ready at 5:00 PM to prepare your entrees. Please bring your own drinks and a side dish to share. After dinner, we will break-up to watch the fireworks from your favorite position. I always watch from the marina docks, but many go over to the park to listen to the concert or out on their boats to see the outstanding fireworks display.

Ordinarily, I schedule breakfast at Ossorio's for the 5<sup>th</sup>, but this year I am joining the Geraci's for a trip to New Smyrna Beach early on the 5<sup>th</sup> so if someone else wants to volunteer to head up the breakfast planning, please let me know before July 1, email: [rwiley1@cfl.rr.com](mailto:rwiley1@cfl.rr.com) or Cell: 321-591-8193.

## July 5th Extension Cruise

Hosted by John & Lynda Geraci

We are planning an extended cruise from Cocoa Village on July 5th to New Smyrna Beach. If you would like to come with us, please make reservations at New Smyrna Beach City Marina. We plan on arriving Friday, July 5th and returning to Cocoa Village on Monday, July 8th, spending one night and returning home on Tuesday, July 9th. Contact Marina Manager, Pam and let her know that you are with ECSA. Their phone number is 386-409-2042.

We will be having cocktails at 5pm at CorkScrew Bar & Grille on Saturday night, July 6th, followed by dinner at 6pm. If you will be attending (by either car or boat) please let me know as seating is limited, [slgeraci@att.net](mailto:slgeraci@att.net), or call and leave me a message, 321-544-1922.

Join us to continue the celebration!



## CAPTF Squid Lips Cruise Review

Joe and Karen Coleman

Child Abuse Prevention  
Awareness Month kick off at  
Squid Lips

Thanks to all of you who participated in the Child Abuse Awareness month kick off at Squid Lips this year. As you may or may not know, Squid Lips donates 5% of all food sales between 5:00 and 8:00PM to the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force to help in preventing child abuse.

This year, unlike many in the past, provided us with favorable weather for cruising to the event. Members and guests arriving via boats included; Joe and Karen Coleman, Tom and Mary Ann O'Shea, Clyde and Diane Berry, Jesse and Carmen Camp and Don and Joanne Theriault. Arriving by car were: Chuck and Mike DiGerlando, Page Proffitt, John Boyd, Joe Clويد, The Theriault family, John and Lynda Geraci and Grover and Natasha Gregory.

On Sunday morning, Don Theriault drove the remaining boaters to Shep's restaurant for breakfast.

On behalf of the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force, I would like to thank everyone for showing up in support of this important program.

## "SPEAKING WORDS OF WISDOM"

### The magic of warm water and vinegar

What's the best solution to clean the interior wood, ceiling panels and bathroom? Yep...it's vinegar.

I think there's a book out there about the 500 uses for vinegar. The stuff is amazing. I use it to clean the toilets, wash any mold that develops off the walls and on our ceiling. Not only is it environmentally friendly but it works!

When I leave the boat for any duration of time (a couple weeks or more), I come back to find my walls have a gray substance on them. At first, I thought it was dust and I was okay with that.

Recently, I've been told that it's mold. How disgusting is that?! Apparently, if we ran a dehumidifier while we're gone it will reduce the likelihood of mold but that's yet another device to buy and store.

Anyway, mold can easily come off using a vinegar and warm water solution...



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## How Old is Your Boat?

Did you know?

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*"A vessel that is at least 30 years old, used only for recreational purposes, and powered by the vessel's original-type power plant may be registered as an antique vessel."*

Check out the certification form at

<http://www.flhsmv.gov/dmv/forms/btr/87243.pdf>

## 2019 PROPOSED ECSA Events Calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event [Contact]</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event [Contact]</b>
May 8	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>	8/30-9/2	Labor Day Cruise—Ft Pierce {Camp} <sup>**</sup>
May 25-27	Memorial Day Cruise (Geraci) <sup>**</sup>	Sept 11	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>
Jun 12	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>	Oct 9	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>
Jun 22-23	<i>Summer Sailstice—Grills (Boyd)<sup>**</sup></i>	Oct 12-14	Sebastian (Gregory) <sup>**</sup>
July 4	4th of July - Cocoa Village (Wiley) <sup>**</sup>	Nov 13	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>
July 10	<i>General Membership Meeting—Potluck</i>	Nov 9-11	Pinedaville - Rotary Park( BOG) <sup>**</sup>
Aug 14	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>	Dec 11	<i>General Membership Meeting—Potluck</i>
Aug 10-11	<i>Captain Katanna's (Therault)<sup>**</sup></i>	TBD	Boat Parade Party (Hutson) <sup>**</sup>

\*\* ECSA Sponsored Cruise

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